

AMENDMENTS TO THE CLAIMS

The following listing of claims replaces all prior claims and listings of claims.

Claim 1 (Currently Amended): An interlabial pad for absorbing body fluid having ~~an~~
~~elongated~~ a substantially rectangular shape comprising:

a face adapted to face a body;

an opposite face adapted to face a garment;

first and second edges at opposing terminal end~~[[s]] edges~~ of a longitudinal ~~centerline~~
direction extending in a longitudinal direction of the entire interlabial pad;

a cavity for finger insertion formed along the longitudinal direction of the interlabial pad on
the opposite face, the cavity being formed between the opposite face and a mini-sheet; and

a cavity opening formed from a terminal end edge in the longitudinal direction of the mini-
sheet at one end of the cavity for guiding a fingertip inserted therein toward a finger restriction
portion formed at an opposing end of the cavity;

wherein the mini-sheet is directly attached to a portion of the opposite face, the mini-sheet
extending from one lateral side to another lateral side of the interlabial pad and having a maximum
length of 50% to 80% of a maximum length ~~of in~~ the longitudinal ~~centerline~~ direction along the
opposite face ~~that and~~ extends from a ~~position displaced from the second~~ terminal end edge of the
interlabial pad to an intermediate position along the longitudinal direction between the first and
second terminal end edges of the interlabial pad,

wherein the finger restriction portion is adapted to stop a fingertip inserted therein,

wherein the finger restriction portion is defined by two facing portions of a fold formed in the opposite face near the second edge of the interlabial pad and extending toward the center of the interlabial pad that are directly bonded to each other at least at a respective portion thereof so that the fold includes the ~~of the cavity near the second edge of the interlabial pad,~~

wherein a cross-sectional area of the cavity is ~~gradually~~ narrowed along the longitudinal direction of the interlabial pad in a direction proceeding from the first edge toward the second edge, thereby the cross-sectional area of the cavity is gradually narrowed along the longitudinal direction of the interlabial pad in a direction proceeding from the first terminal end edge of the mini-sheet toward the second terminal end edge of the mini-sheet, such that the fingertip of the wearer that is inserted can be stopped,

wherein the fold formed in the opposite face forms a ~~protruding~~ portion protruding from a remaining portion of the face adapted to face the body, a first planar portion at one side of the protruding portion and a second planar portion at another side of the protruding portion being substantially parallel to one another, and

wherein the protruding portion extends in the longitudinal direction from the first terminal end edge to the second terminal end edge of the interlabial pad.

Claims 2-5 (Canceled).

Claim 6 (Currently Amended): The interlabial pad according to claim 1, wherein an interval dimension between the opening for finger insertion and said finger restriction portion is 10% to 80% of a maximum length of in the longitudinal centerlinedirection of the opposite face.

Claim 7 (Currently Amended): The interlabial pad according to claim 1, wherein the cavity opening proceeds from a front edge of the mini-sheet that is disposed at a location that is 40% from the first terminal end edge along the longitudinal centerlinedirection of the interlabial pad, and

wherein said finger restriction portion is disposed at a location that is 90% from the first terminal end edge along the longitudinal centerlinedirection of the interlabial pad.

Claim 8 (Withdrawn): The interlabial pad of claim 1, wherein said finger insertion restriction portion comprises a fingertip exit for protruding the nail tip of the inserted finger.

Claim 9 (Canceled).

Claim 10 (Withdrawn): The interlabial pad of claim 1, wherein said finger insertion cavity comprises a finger insertion compulsory portion for tilting compulsorily the finger insertion direction toward said finger insertion restriction portion on the opposite side face to body.

Claim 11 (Withdrawn): The interlabial pad of claim 10, wherein said finger insertion compulsory portion is formed by a shape of folding said mini sheet piece into said finger insertion cavity.

Claim 12 (Previously Presented): The interlabial pad according to claim 1, wherein the interlabial pad is used together with a sanitary napkin.

Claim 13 (Previously Presented): The interlabial pad according to claim 1, wherein said interlabial pad is for incontinence.

Claim 14 (Previously Presented): The interlabial pad according to claim 1, wherein said interlabial pad is for absorbing vaginal discharge.

Claim 15 (Withdrawn): A wrapping body comprising an interlabial pad; and a wrapping container containing said interlabial pad, wherein said interlabial pad is contained and folded such that said finger insertion opening opens when said wrapping container is unwrapped.

Claim 16 (Withdrawn): The wrapping body of claim 15, wherein said wrapping container comprises a mark indicating an unwrapping direction which is the same direction as an insertion direction of the finger into said finger insertion opening.

Claim 17 (Withdrawn): The wrapping body of claim 16, wherein said mini sheet piece in said interlabial pad is folded outwardly in a shape swelling toward the body side.

Claim 18 (Canceled).

Claim 19 (Withdrawn): The interlabial pad according to claim 1, wherein the interlabial pad is formed with adhesion on a part of the face adapted to face a body to be in contact with a genital area of the body.

Claim 20 (Withdrawn): The interlabial pad according to claim 1,

wherein the mini-sheet is formed as a water permeable sheet.

Claim 21 (Currently Amended): The interlabial pad according to claim 1,

wherein the mini-sheet is attached so as to be in direct contact with the ~~opposite face~~
portions of the opposite face forming the first planar portion and the second planar portion covered
thereby ~~except for the cavity formed therebetween~~, wherein the mini-sheet is arranged opposite to
the cavity opening.

Claim 22 (Withdrawn): The interlabial pad according to claim 1,

wherein the mini-sheet is bonded to the opposite face at the lateral sides and at the side of
the another end of the cavity.

Claim 23 (Withdrawn): The interlabial pad according to claim 1, further comprising:

a first portion for bonding the opposite face to the face adapted to face the body; and

a second portion for bonding the mini-sheet to the opposite face,

wherein the first portion and the second portion are offset.

Claim 24 (Currently Amended): The interlabial pad according to claim 7, wherein the
interlabial pad has a length in the longitudinal centerline direction between 50 mm and 160 mm.

Claim 25 (Currently Amended): The interlabial pad according to claim 24, wherein the interlabial pad has a length in the longitudinal centerline direction between 80 mm and 130 mm.

Claim 26 (New): The interlabial pad according to claim 1, wherein the interlabial pad comprises one or more of a biodegradable material, a water-soluble material, and a water-dispersible material.